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Notice of Determination

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From:

Public Agency: California High-Speed Rail Authority

Address: 770 L Street, Suite 800

Sacramento, CA 95814

Contact: Tom Fellenz, Acting CEO

Phone: (916) 324-1541

Lead Agency (if different from above): _____

Address: _____

Contact: _____

Phone: _____

SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.

State Clearinghouse Number (if submitted to State Clearinghouse): 2009091125

Project Title: California High-Speed Train Project Merced to Fresno Section

Project Applicant: California High-Speed Rail Authority

Project Location (include county): Merced, Madera, and Fresno Counties (see attached)

Project Description:

Please see attached page.

This is to advise that the California High-Speed Rail Authority has approved the above
(☒ Lead Agency or ☐ Responsible Agency)

described project on May 3, 2012 and has made the following determinations regarding the above
(date)
described project.

1. The project [☒ will ☐ will not] have a significant effect on the environment.
2. ☒ An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
☐ A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures [☒ were ☐ were not] made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan [☒ was ☐ was not] adopted for this project.
5. A statement of Overriding Considerations [☒ was ☐ was not] adopted for this project.
6. Findings [☒ were ☐ were not] made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the final EIR with comments and responses and record of project approval, or the negative Declaration, is available to the General Public at:

Please see attached.

Signature (Public Agency): Thomas Fellenz Title: Acting CEO

Date: May 3, 2012 Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION (ATTACHMENT)

Project Title

California High-Speed Train (HST) Project Merced to Fresno Section

Project Description and Location

The Merced to Fresno HST project would involve construction and operation of a dedicated, electrified and fully grade separated high speed rail system between downtown Fresno (including a station at Mariposa Street) and downtown Merced (including a station between MLK Way and G Street), and operation of high-speed trains on that system. Specifically, the alignment known as the "Hybrid" was approved. This alignment generally follows the existing UPRR tracks leaving north from Fresno. North of the San Joaquin River, the alignment crosses northeast toward the existing BNSF tracks to the northeast of Madera. Approaching Merced, this alignment follows the existing UPRR tracks from approximately Buchanan Hollow Road all the way into the city of Merced. The approval at this time does not include portions of the Merced to Fresno HST section north of the city of Madera and south of Buchanan Hollow Road in Merced County. The approval at this time does not include approval of a heavy maintenance facility.

Location of Final EIR and Record of Project Approval

The Final EIR with comments and responses and record of project approval is available to the general public at:

California High-Speed Rail Authority Office
770 L Street, Suite 800
Sacramento, CA 95814